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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, 54 years ago this month, Sputnik knocked the United States into second place in the space race. America responded with a tremendous investment in the sciences, which produced the Apollo program, the personal computer, the Internet, GPS, and numerous other technologies; but, sadly, that may be ending.

Last December, in an OECD ranking, the United States rated only "average" in education. Other nations are outinvesting and outeducating us. And the Republican slash-and-burn agenda is making it worse. America is now losing education jobs every month and disinvesting in R&D and critical infrastructure.

The President laid out a plan to invest in our educators, innovators, and job creators—priorities that used to have bipartisan support. We cannot continue to let American performance slide. We are jeopardizing our future.

Mr. Speaker, last century America fell behind, and the Soviet Sputnik was the result. It took a decade to catch up. How long will we fall behind today before we realize those investments are critical and support the President's job program?

#### HOUSE REPUBLICAN JOBS PLAN

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it's time for the President to get a grip on reality. He obviously doesn't understand the unemployment crisis that's crippling America.

The President says that he hasn't seen the House Republican jobs plan. Well, here it is. It's been out since May, and it's available at jobs.gop.gov. Now, maybe the White House is having an Internet problem.

I'm proud to join Natural Resources Committee Chairman DOC HASTINGS in recommending plans to the supercommittee that create jobs right here in America while at the same time reducing the deficit, ideas like increasing onshore and offshore energy production. Increasing offshore energy production will create over 1 million new jobs alone and would generate billions in new Federal revenue. But President Obama would rather make bad bets on green companies like Solyndra, wasting hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

House Republicans have passed jobs bill after jobs bill—they're stacked up like cordwood on the Senate floor—but Senator REID and President Obama refuse to consider them. The American people deserve better. President Obama's ideologically driven, job-killing policies are hurting America.

#### EDUCATION FUNDING

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I'm concerned that education, the most powerful tool we have to build our economy, is being ignored.

Yesterday was my granddaughter Brooklyn's 7th birthday. A few months ago, Brooklyn's parents asked her if she could have her birthday anywhere she wanted to, where would it be. To her parents' surprise, she said she wanted to celebrate right here in the Capitol. So last night, we celebrated Brooklyn's birthday right here in the Capitol Building.

I like to think she chose the Capitol because it represents the opportunity each of us has to make people's lives better. Unfortunately, we are failing to uphold the obligation we have to Brooklyn and millions of American children. Senate Republicans have blocked just a vote on the President's American Jobs Act. It would have provided \$60 billion to save the jobs of teachers, put Americans to work rebuilding schools, and helped community colleges.

Nearly 300,000 teachers have already lost their jobs since 2008. Another 280,000 more may be out of the classroom if we don't do something now. Now is not the time to be laying off teachers. It's not the time to surrender the leadership in math and science to foreign countries.

Mr. Speaker, Americans can't wait. We should put people to work rebuilding our crumbling schools. We should be working to transform the prestige of teachers in our culture. Teaching requires high skill and should be rewarded with high pay and be the preferred profession of the best and the brightest. Brooklyn deserves it and all American children deserve it.

#### JOB CREATION

(Mr. BENISHEK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, last week, instead of making campaign bus stops and touting more stimulus spending, President Obama may have been better served coming to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, for a conference on jobs in the timber industry.

At the conference, Representatives CRAVAACK, DUFFY, RIBBLE, and myself, along with Chief Tidwell of the U.S. Forest Service, met with loggers, mill operators, and forestry experts. And the consensus was clear: Bureaucratic roadblocks and lack of direction are preventing the responsible harvest of Federal timberlands and killing jobs.

Mr. Speaker, this is not about clear-cutting our Nation's forests. Responsible timber harvests make for healthier forests. They also create real jobs and grow the economy. As it stands, timber in the forests of the Great Lakes and across America is literally rotting on the stump and the Federal Government's bureaucratic snares are allowing it to happen. This cannot continue.

It is time President Obama and Congress recognize that the simplest and quickest way to create jobs is to release the handcuffs of overregulation and red tape.

#### SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Did you know that small businesses create two out of every three new jobs? That's why we need a plan to invest in them and that's why I support the President's American Jobs Act.

It includes tax cuts for every small business. Businesses that hire workers who have been unemployed for 6 months or more get \$4,000 off their tax bill; those that invest in machinery or equipment get to write off the whole expense; and the payroll tax cuts will save a small business with 50 workers approximately \$50,000 a year, putting money in the bank for every mom-and-pop shop. The American Jobs Act will help small businesses do what they do best: create good jobs, drive innovation, and strengthen the middle class.

For small businesses, the economy, and Americans everywhere, let's pass the American Jobs Act now.

#### SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SALUTES THE MILITARY

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, tonight, back home in south Mississippi, the Coast Chamber is hosting the 33rd annual Salute to the Military. I deeply regret not being able to attend tonight to recognize our Nation's finest.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, a marine veteran, and the only Member of Congress who still actively serves as a noncommissioned officer in the Mississippi Army National Guard, I know firsthand how vital their work is to our Nation's defense. As I serve, I am always mindful of their service and sacrifice, as well as their families'. Nowhere are so few asked to sacrifice so much for so many. So I ask this Congress and the American people to share in their sacrifice and say "no" to any more defense spending cuts.

To date, more than half of the cuts in spending have come from defense. It is morally irresponsible to continue trying to balance the budget on the backs of our men and women in uniform. As a nation, our economic and personal security depends on a strong, capable, well-equipped, and well-trained military.

So I want to salute all those who have served and are currently serving. Thank you for making America safe and exceptional.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give a voice to the voiceless victims of domestic violence.

I want to tell the story of one woman from my State of Illinois who endured years of abuse and called our State's Domestic Violence Help Line for help.

In her call, the woman explained that over the years she had suffered black eyes, broken and knocked out teeth, and broken bones. She said she couldn't take it anymore, but she couldn't leave because she feared her abuser would find her and kill her. She was suicidal and said she just needed to end it with the pills she had been collecting. Luckily, this woman reached out for help. 911 was called, and the help line staff stayed on the line with her until the paramedics arrived.

But, sadly, most women never report their abuse. And even for those who do find the strength to report, many are denied services, such as shelter, due to scarce resources. I speak today for those who cannot speak for themselves to say: We can end domestic violence; all we need is the will to do so.

## MALE BREAST CANCER

(Mr. NUGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to address an often overlooked but important part of breast cancer awareness.

One percent of all breast cancer patients are men. In 2010, almost 1,970 new male breast cancer cases were reported. Although the current survival rate for women diagnosed with breast cancer is about 87 percent, the rate for men drops to 79 percent. The discrepancy is because many men don't think breast cancer can affect them. As such, they are often diagnosed after the cancer has developed into more advanced stages.

One of my constituents in Florida's Fifth District, Herb Wagner, is a 6-year male breast cancer survivor. After his diagnosis in 2005, Herb and his family founded A Man's Pink. The goal of A Man's Pink is to bring awareness to male breast cancer.

Early detection is crucial in fighting any type of cancer, and men need to be reminded that breast cancer does not just affect women.

For more information on male breast cancer, I encourage folks to learn about A Man's Pink. In the meantime, anybody with concerns should contact their doctor.

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## AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it's been 294 days since the Republicans took control of the House. The party of no still refuses to put forward a clear jobs plan. They have put politics ahead of what is right for the American people.

Unemployment is near 17 percent in my district, one of the highest rates of foreclosure in the country. The American people in my district are hurting, and throughout the country.

Yet, instead of acting on a bold plan to create new jobs, Republicans have decided to protect tax cuts for millionaires and companies that ship jobs overseas. Now the Republicans in the Senate have said "no" to the American Jobs Act, even though it includes the same proposals that they have supported in the past.

And the Republican leaders in the Senate just called the proposal to help teachers, firefighters, and police officers stay on the job a "bailout." These public servants educate, and I state, educate our children and keep our streets safe. They deserve our support. They don't deserve more gridlock in Congress.

We can't wait. Let's pass the American Jobs Act now.

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN JOBS PLAN

(Mr. FLORES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, as part of the House Republicans Plan for America's Job Creators, we are working hard every day to fix the Obama economy. Last week the Senate stopped a bipartisan bill to permanently repeal the job-killing 3 percent withholding requirement for Federal payments to government contractors. This week, however, the House plans to eliminate this requirement, representing House Republicans' continuing commitment to remove barriers to job creation and eliminate excessive burdens on small businesses. These Main Street businesses are the backbones of our economy and American job creation.

As a former job creator, I know firsthand about the negative impacts of burdensome taxes and overreaching regulations. Although this withholding requirement is not scheduled to go into effect for another 15 months, it is already causing uncertainty for small businesses' operations and hiring plans.

For these reasons, Congress must act now. Permanently repealing this unreasonable withholding provision is another real world Main Street solution to provide more certainty for small businesses to grow and to create jobs again. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support H.R. 674.

## JOB CREATION

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, my home State of Rhode Island, like the

rest of the country, is facing a jobs crisis. The President put forth a comprehensive jobs bill which puts teachers, first responders, and construction workers to work and puts money in the pockets of American workers and employers so businesses will grow and add jobs. It also creates jobs by investing in America's schools.

On a recent visit to the Henry J. Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket, I saw firsthand what this jobs bill could do. I saw a leaking roof, broken windows in kindergarten classrooms, exposed wires. These are the kinds of repairs that we could make if we passed the Fix America's Schools Today Act, which I'm cosponsoring. This Act, like the President's jobs bill, will provide critical funding for vital repairs and renovations to Winters Elementary School and schools all across Rhode Island and our country.

Under the FAST Act, Rhode Island stands to receive more than \$98 million to invest in modernizing existing K-12 public school buildings and facilities at community colleges, putting more than 1,000 Rhode Islanders back to work now.

The Jobs Act would create jobs now. It would put money into the pockets of working Americans now. It would give businesses job-creating tax breaks now, and it would provide a boost to the economy now. That's why we need to take action now.

RETIRING CHIEF JOURNAL CLERK  
PATRICIA MADSON

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as I listen to my colleagues on both sides of the talk about the imperative of job creation and economic growth, I'd like to recognize a job well done. Forty-four years, 7 months, and 5 days is a long period of time, but that's the tenure of public service provided by our friend, the now Chief Journal Clerk, Trish Madson. She has worked for the Voice of America, the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation. She worked in the Minority Counsel Office under our former minority leader Bob Michel.

She is someone I got to know because her late mother was one of my constituents.

I would like to ask all of our colleagues to join in giving a round of applause and ovation to Trish Madson, who, after 44 years, 7 months, and 5 days, will be retiring today.

Mr. Speaker, I think we've consumed the entire 1 minute just applauding Trish, as it should be.

## JOB CREATION

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)